

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 5140, Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act.

The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5140, Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act of 2008.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S753–S804*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2603–2612, S. Res. 445, and S. Con. Res. 66. **Pages S784–85**

#### Measures Passed:

***Recovery Rebates and Economic Stimulus for the American People Act:*** By 81 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. 10), Senate passed H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits, and after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S762–73**

#### Adopted:

By 91 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 9) Reid Modified Amendment No. 4010, to revise the eligibility criteria for the 2008 recovery rebates for individuals. **Pages S762–73**

#### Withdrawn:

Reid Amendment No. 3983, of a perfecting nature. **Page S762**

Reid Amendment No. 3984 (to Amendment No. 3983), to change the enactment date. **Page S762**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3985. **Page S762**

Reid Amendment No. 3986 (to the instructions of the Reid motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S762**

Reid Amendment No. 3987 (to Amendment No. 3986), of a perfecting nature. **Page S762**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached provided that, notwithstanding the passage of the bill, Reid Amendment No. 4010 (listed above), be modified. **Page S773**

#### Measures Considered:

**FISA Amendments Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S775–78**

#### Adopted:

Bond/Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 3941 (to Amendment No. 3911), to expedite the review of challenges to directives under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. **Pages S775–78**

#### Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 11), Feingold/Dodd Amendment No. 3915 (to Amendment No. 3911), to place flexible limits on the use of information obtained using unlawful procedures. **Pages S775–76**

By 38 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 12), Feingold Amendment No. 3913 (to Amendment No. 3911), to prohibit reserve targeting and protect the rights of Americans who are communicating with people abroad. **Pages S775, S776–77**

#### Pending:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S775**

Whitehouse Amendment No. 3920 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide procedures for compliance reviews. **Page S775**

Feingold Amendment No. 3979 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide safeguards for communications involving persons inside the United States. **Page S775**

Feingold/Dodd Amendment No. 3912 (to Amendment No. 3911), to modify the requirements for certifications made prior to the initiation of certain acquisitions. **Page S775**

Dodd Amendment No. 3907 (to Amendment No. 3911), to strike the provisions providing immunity

from civil liability to electronic communication service providers for certain assistance provided to the Government. **Page S775**

Bond/Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 3938 (to Amendment No. 3911), to include prohibitions on the international proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. **Page S775**

Feinstein Amendment No. 3910 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide a statement of the exclusive means by which electronic surveillance and interception of certain communications may be conducted. **Page S775**

Feinstein Amendment No. 3919 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide for the review of certifications by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. **Page S775**

Specter/Whitehouse Amendment No. 3927 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide for the substitution of the United States in certain civil actions. **Page S775**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 8, 2008, Senate continue consideration of the bill; that on Friday, February 8, 2008 and Monday, February 11, 2008, all remaining amendments be debated and all time used; provided further, that on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at a time to be determined, Senate vote in relation to the amendments in an order specified later, with two minutes of debate prior to each vote, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, and any succeeding votes in the sequence be limited to 10 minutes; that no further amendments be in order on Tuesday, February 12, 2008; provided further, that upon disposition of all amendments, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill and that if cloture is invoked on the bill, the following Senators be recognized to speak for the specified times: Senator Dodd for up to 4 hours, and Senator Feingold for up to 15 minutes and that upon conclusion of those remarks, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Select Committee on Intelligence for up to 10 minutes each, and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary for 20 minutes each; provided further, Senate then vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended; and that any other provisions of the previous orders remain in effect. **Pages S775–76**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 23 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S801–804**

**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Paul DeCamp, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S804**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S781–82**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S782**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S782–84**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Page S784**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S797–S800**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Page S800**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S800–01**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S801**

**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—12) **Pages S773, S776, S777**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and recessed at 6:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 8, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S803.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the final report of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, after receiving testimony from Major General Arnold L. Punaro, USMCR (Ret.), Chairman, and William L. Ball, III, Patricia L. Lewis, and Major General E. Gordon Stump, USAF (Ret.), all Commissioners, all of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserves.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine business transformation and financial management at the Department of Defense, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and Paul A. Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary for Business Transformation, Peter E. Kunkel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of